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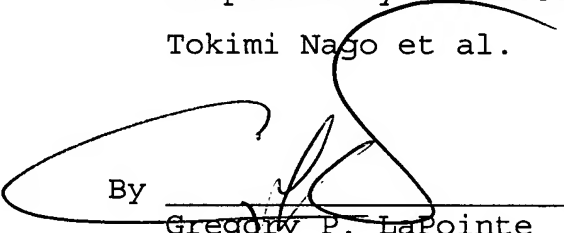
Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application consider the Information Disclosure Statement being submitted concurrently herewith.

A check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed. If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits the prior art listed hereinbelow, copies enclosed, which prior art was cited and discussed on Page 1 first paragraph of the Background of the Invention in the instant application.

(1) JP Patent No. 62-111376.

A listing on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

The undersigned submits the above-identified references for independent consideration by the Examiner and does not make any admission that these references are or are not material to the present invention or that these references are or are not prior art with respect to the present invention.

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